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Dear Producers and Data Users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.



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July 2005 Wheat and Oat Production Forecast

Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2005 winter wheat crop is forecast at 69.7 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month but 14 percent above last year's crop. Average yield is forecast at 41 bushels per acre, 2 bushels below last month but 4 bushels above last year.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.70 million acres, 50,000 acres more than last year.

Wheat harvest started the third full week of June and has kept a near normal pace.

Oat production is forecast at 4.38 million bushels, up 17 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 60,000 acres, is up 9 percent from 2004. Average yield, at 73 bushels per acre, is equal to the record high yield set two years ago and 5 bushels per acre above last year.

Winter Wheat and Oats: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Nebraska, and United States, 2003-2005

Crop		Nebraska			United States		
		2003	2004	2005 ¹	2003	2004	2005 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	<i>Percent</i>	95.8	89.2	94.4	81.0	79.5	82.8
For harvest	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	1,820	1,650	1,700	36,753	34,462	34,271
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	46.0	37.0	41.0	46.7	43.5	44.5
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	83,720	61,050	69,700	1,716,721	1,499,434	1,525,302
Oats							
Harvested for Grain ²	<i>Percent</i>	40.9	39.3	40.0	48.3	43.9	45.5
For harvest	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	90	55	60	2,220	1,792	1,976
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	73.0	68.0	73.0	65.0	64.7	66.5
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	6,570	3,740	4,380	144,383	115,935	131,314

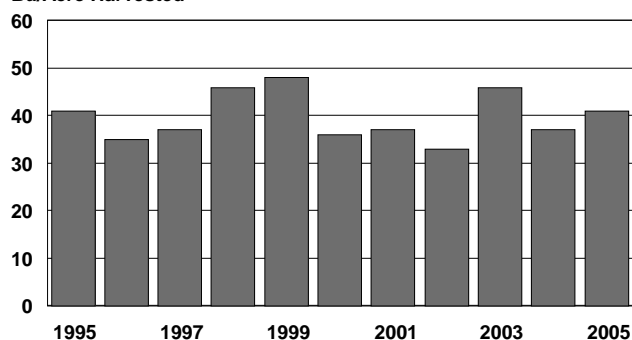
¹ Forecast. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 12, 2005

NEBRASKA WHEAT YIELD

July 1, 2005 Forecast

Bu/Acre Harvested

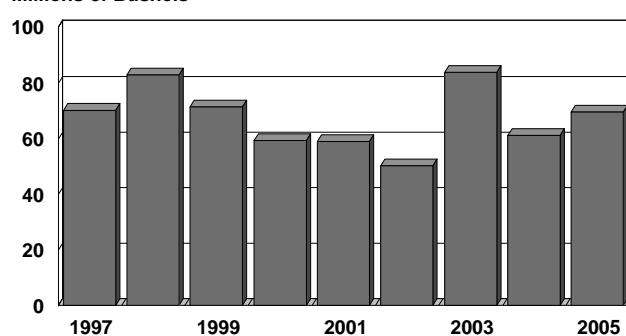


Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, July 12, 2005

NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION

July 1, 2005 Forecast

Millions of Bushels



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, July 12, 2005

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2004-2005

State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	1,700	2,400	27.0	27.0	45,900	64,800
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	39.0	314,500	374,400
Missouri	930	570	52.0	57.0	48,360	32,490
Montana	1,630	2,050	41.0	43.0	66,830	88,150
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	37.0	41.0	61,050	69,700
Oklahoma	4,700	3,900	35.0	33.0	164,500	128,700
South Dakota	1,250	1,400	45.0	49.0	56,250	68,600
Texas	3,500	3,200	31.0	31.0	108,500	99,200
Washington	1,750	1,850	67.0	69.0	117,250	127,650
United States	34,462	34,271	43.5	44.5	1,499,434	1,525,302

¹ Forecasted July 1, 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 12, 2005.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										
Corn	\$/bu.									
2003/04	10,089	1,087	14	11,190	5,798	2,537	1,897	10,232	958	2.42
2004/05	11,807	958	10	12,775	6,150	2,685	1,825	10,660	2,115	2.00-2.10
2005/06 ³	10,785	2,115	10	12,910	5,850	2,870	1,950	10,670	2,240	1.70-2.10
Soybeans										
2003/04	2,454	178	6	2,638	1,530	116	880	2,525	112	7.34
2004/05	3,141	112	5	3,258	1,690	169	1,110	2,969	290	5.80
2005/06 ³	2,890	290	3	3,183	1,690	148	1,135	2,973	210	5.10-6.10
Wheat										
2003/04	2,345	491	63	2,899	907	287	1,159	2,353	546	3.40
2004/05	2,158	546	71	2,776	895	281	1,060	2,236	540	3.40
2005/06 ³	2,208	540	70	2,818	890	278	950	2,118	700	2.60-3.10
Sorghum										
2003/04	411	43	0	454	180	40	201	421	34	2.39
2004/05	455	34	0	488	200	52	190	442	46	1.65-1.75
2005/06 ³	400	46	0	446	170	53	180	403	43	1.50-1.90

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, July 12, 2005.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005**

STATE	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004	2004	2005	<u>2005</u> 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	295	322	109	31	29	94	28	35	125	2	1	50
California	520	520	100	69	73	106	62	63	102	7	5	71
Colorado	940	910	97	145	130	90	205	180	88	10	10	100
Idaho	240	260	108	47	70	149	60	54	90	2	1	50
Iowa	390	415	106	50	49	98	59	68	115	1	1	100
Kansas	2,090	2,200	105	400	400	100	540	465	86	20	15	75
Nebraska	1,850	1,820	98	285	290	102	435	510	117	10	10	100
New Mexico	124	132	106	26	26	100	19	18	95	1	3	300
Oklahoma	315	320	102	52	54	104	64	58	91	3	1	33
So. Dakota	173	161	93	20	26	130	34	48	141	1	3	300
Texas	2,760	2,950	107	455	550	121	495	480	97	10	10	100
Washington	165	142	86	37	41	111	41	35	85	1	1	100
Other States	270	250	93	30	31	103	43	59	137	2	2	100
United States	10,132	10,402	103	1,647	1,769	107	2,085	2,073	99	70	63	90

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, July 22, 2005.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2003-2005¹

Class	United States			
	2003	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and calves	103,900	103,600	104,500	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,700	42,500	42,800	101
Beef cows	33,600	33,500	33,750	101
Milk cows	9,100	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	15,900	15,950	16,200	102
For beef cow replacement	4,600	4,800	5,000	104
For milk cow replacement	3,600	3,600	3,700	103
Other heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,200	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100	2,050	2,100	102
Calves under 500 pounds	29,000	28,900	29,000	100
Calf Crop ²	37,903	37,625	37,800	100

¹ State totals have been discontinued ² 2005 calf crop preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, July 22, 2005.

Lamb Crop and Market Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Region and United States, July 1, 2005¹

Regions ²	Lambs Born Jan-Jun ³	Lambs Expected Jul-Dec ⁴	Total Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan. 1	Market Lambs					Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs	All Sheep and Lambs
					Under 65 lbs.	65 to 84 lbs.	85 to 105 lbs.	Over 105 lbs.	Total			
					<i>1,000 Head</i>							
Region 1	540	200	740	700	140	150	120	55	465	30	495	1,300
Region 2	580	110	690	747	335	115	25	15	490	10	500	1,500
Region 3	1,260	30	1,290	1,058	820	150	80	120	1,170	20	1,190	2,650
Region 4	610	50	660	489	240	135	85	55	515	20	535	1,200
Region 5	660	80	740	579	275	85	40	15	415	10	425	1,150
United States	3,650	470	4,120	3,573	1,810	635	350	260	3,055	90	3,145	7,800

¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States. ² States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.

³ Lambs born alive between January 1, through June 30, 2005. ⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2005.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep, July 22, 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska and United States, 2004-2005

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Milk Cows ¹				
January-March	61	60	8,993	8,996
April-June	60	60	9,001	9,035
Milk Production ²				
January-March	267	268	42,759	43,242
April-June	266	279	43,824	45,633

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, July 18, 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States , 2004-2005¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,044	8,083	1,624	1,640	13,061	13,258	102
February	8,051	8,076	1,531	1,519	12,329	12,270	100
March	8,059	8,095	1,661	1,702	13,387	13,779	103
April	8,063	8,109	1,636	1,683	13,194	13,647	103
May	8,064	8,121	1,692	1,757	13,641	14,266	105
June	8,083	8,130	1,607	1,683	12,988	13,684	105
July	8,096		1,623		13,143		
August	8,102		1,601		12,970		
September	8,104		1,533		12,426		
October	8,103		1,583		12,824		
November	8,102		1,531		12,404		
December	8,097		1,610		13,037		
Annual	8,081		19,232		155,404		

¹2005 revised. ²Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, July 18, 2005.

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